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Montana College Preparatory Curriculum Program 2012 – 2013 Academic Year

Billings Central Catholic High School ------ Last Updated January 16, 2013

English: Minimum Core – 4 years.

In each year the content of the course should have an emphasis upon the development of written and oral communication skills and literature.

English: Rigorous Core – 4 years.

Recommendation: a designated college-prep composition or research writing course.

<u>Yearlong English courses including Composition Speech,</u> and Literature:

AP English

English I, II, III, IV

Honors English II, III, IV

Fundamentals of English I, II

Other English courses which must be combined in such a way that each year's combination includes Composition, Speech, and Literature:

Composition:

N/A

Speech:

N/A

Literature:

N/A

Math: Minimum Core – 3 years.

Courses shall include Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II (or the sequential content equivalent of these courses). Students are encouraged to take a math course in their senior year. NOTE: In school systems where a student may take Algebra I in 8th Grade, the student still must complete 3 years of college preparatory math in High School. (Per Richard A. Crofts, Commissioner of Higher Education, 1995.)

Math: Rigorous Core - 4 years.

A course beyond Algebra II or beyond Integrated Math III (such as Trigonometry, PreCalculus, Calculus, Computer Math, Integrated Math IV).

Satisfies Minimum Core:

Algebra I, II

Algebra II/ Trigonometry

Geometry

Satisfies Rigorous Core:

AP Calculus

College Prep Math

Pre-Calculus

Statistics

Social Studies: Minimum Core – 3 years.

The courses shall include Global Studies (such as World History or World Geography); American History; and Government, Economics, Indian History or other third year courses.

Social Studies: Rigorous Core - 3 years.

As above, with recommendation: one half year or more of other courses such as psychology, humanities.

Students must complete a full year of global studies such as World History or World Geography, a full year of American History, and an additional year in another social studies field such as economics, government, psychology, sociology, tribal government, or Indian Ed for All. (Per Joyce A. Scott, Deputy Commissioner Academic & Student Affairs, April 2002.)

Global Studies:

World History

American History:

United States History

Additional Social Studies Courses:

AP European History U.S. Government

Montana History

Psychology

Sociology

Science: Minimum Core – 2 years.

Two years of laboratory science: One year must be earth science, biology, chemistry or physics. The other can be one of the courses listed above or another approved college preparatory lab science.

Science: Rigorous Core – 3 years.

One full year of general earth science, biology, and chemistry or physics.

Lab Science Courses:

Physics

Advanced Physics (S)

Chemistry

Honors Chemistry

AP Chemistry

Biology

AP Biology

Environmental Science

Geology and Astronomy

Oceans and Atmospheres

S.T.E.M.

Electives: Minimum Core – 2 years, chosen from the following.

World Language (preferably 2 years); computer science, visual and performing arts, or vocational education units which meets the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) guidelines.

Electives: Rigorous Core – 3 years, chosen from the following.

Two years of second language, music, fine arts, speech and debate, career and technical education (such as information technology (IT) or computer

Career, Vocational and Technical Education:

Accounting I, II, III

Computer and Business Applications

Advance Computer and Business Applications

Business Law/ Solutions

Journalism and Professional Writing

Rambler Yearbook I, II

Rampage Journalism I, II

Small Business Management Practicum

[Additional courses offered from the Career Center – School District 2]

Music:

Band I, II, III, IV

Chamber Orchestra I, II, III, IV

Concert Choir I, II, III, IV

Jazz Band I, II, III, IV

Hiliters I, II, III, IV

Vocalocity I, II, III

Fine Arts and Speech & Debate:

Art I. II. III. IV

Drama I, II, III, IV

World Language:

Spanish I, II, III, IV

AP Spanish

French I, II, III, IV

Honors French II